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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US/UK DIVERGENCE RE CYPRUS

1. WE ARE MARCHING IN CLOSE STEP HERE WITH THE BRITISH SO FAR ON CYPRUS, BUT THEY CLEARLY ENVISION A MORE ACTIVIST UN ROLE IN RESTORING SITUATION IN CYPRUS. AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY, UK REP RICHARD SAID UN ROLE SHOULD BE (1) TO BRING OUT THE FACTS IN THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW; (2) TO LISTEN TO "PRESIDENT MAKARIOS" AND ANY OTHER EVIDENCE; (3) TO "FORM SOME KIND OF JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER THIS WAS INTERNAL AFFAIR OR NOT;" AND (4) THEN FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO "DECIDE WHAT KIND OF ACTION TO TAKE."

2. BASED ON WHAT RICHARD IS SAYING, IF HE ACCURATELY REFLECTS LONDON POLICY, HE WILLING TO PUSH MUCH FURTHER THAN WE IN GIVING SECURITY COUNCIL PRECEDENT-MAKING RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER REVOLT WAS INTERNAL AFFAIR OR EXTERNAL. AT ONE POINT HE SAID, "CENTRAL ISSUE IS WHETHER THE
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GREEK GOVERNMENT WAS INVOLVED." I NOTE THIS ONLY BECAUSE

AS RICHARD SAID AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE, OUR RELATIONS WITH HIM ARE "EXTRAORDINARILY FRIENDLY AND OPEN" AND HE SEES NO EVIDENCE US/UK VIEWS ARE RADICALLY DIFFERENT. IF AND WHEN WE DO DIVERGE, THEREFORE, IT WILL BE A BIGGER JOLT THAN OTHERWISE BECAUSE HE HAS CLEARLY AND PUBLICLY SPELLED OUT BRITISH OBJECTIVES. FURTHER, UN ROLE IN CRISIS IN DANGER OF SHAPING UP AS PUBLIC COMPETITION BETWEEN BRITISH AND SOVIETS TO SEE WHO CAN EMBRACE MAKARIOS MOST TIGHTLY. ACTING SOV REP SAFRONCHUK ENCOURAGING ROSSIDES AND WILL BE AT KENNEDY AIRPORT GREET MAKARIOS ON ARRIVAL.
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